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SUBJ: CURRENT GOI FIGURES ON POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A) JAKARTA 11271 B) JAKARTA 10911 (9/13/73)

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DUTCH EMBASSY HAS GIVEN US COPY OF MEMORANDUM DATED SEPTEMBER 17 IT RECEIVED FROM KOPKAMTIB IN RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON POLITICAL DETAINEES PRESENTED AT REQUEST OF DUTCH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WHICH VISITED INDONESIA SEPTEMBER 1-8(REF A). MEMORANDUM CONTAINS NUMBERS OF DETAINEES IN ALL CATEGORIES, REPRESENTING MOST AUTHORITATIVE CURRENT FIGURES, AS FOLLOWS: CLASS A: 2,000 (OF WHICH 800 HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BY COURTS) CLASS B: 27,000 (OF WHICH 10,000 ARE ON BURU ISLAND) CLASS C: NONE (ALL 540,000 ORIGINALLY DETAINED RELEASED AS OF END OF AUGUST 1974) CLASS X: 6,000 (TO BE CLASSIFIED A OR B) FULL TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF KOPKAMTIB'S ANSWERS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. BEGIN QUOTE

QUESTION 1. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CATEGORIES A, B, C AND X; THE NUMBERS OF MILITARY AND

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CIVILIAN PRISONERS IN CATEGORY A; AND THE NUMBERS OF CATEGORY

B PRISONERS ON BURU ISLAND AND ELSEWHERE?

ANSWER: THE TOTAL CURRENT NUMBER OF POLITICAL DETAINEES

IS APPROXIMATELY 35,000, CONSISTING OF:

--CATEGORY A: 2,000, OF WHICH 800 HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROCESSED BY THE COURTS.

--CATEGORY B: 27,000, OF WHICH 10,000 ARE ON BURU ISLAND; OF THE LATTER, 121 HAVE DIED BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT; THE APPROXIMATELY 17,000 REMAINING CLASS B DETAINEES ARE LOCATED IN OTHER REHABILITATION INSTALLATIONS (INREHAB2).

CATEGORY X: 6,000, WHO ARE NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION SO THAT THEY CAN BE PLACED IN CATEGORY A OR CATEGORY B.

--CATEGORY C: ALL 540,000

ORIGINALLY DETAINED HAVE BEEN RELEASED, AS OF THE END OF AUGUST 1974. THOSE STILL CLASSIFIED AS CATEGORY C ARE APPROXIMATELY 200,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK UP GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND NON DEPARTMENTAL INSTITUTIONS. THEY ARE NOT IN DETENTION.

2. QUESTION 2: HAS A DATE BEEN FIXED FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE REMAINING C-CATEGORY DETAINEES? THE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS THAT THE DECISION FOR RELEASE RESTS WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS.

ANSWER: ALREADY ANSWERED UNDER QUESTIN 1 ABOVE.

3. QUESTION 3: IS IT POSSIBLE TO GIVE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW MANY ORIGINALLY LIBERATED C-CATEGORY PRISONERS HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED?

ANSWER: THERE ARE CATEGORY C DETAINEES WHO WERE RELEASED, BUT LATER DETAINED AGAIN, BECAUSE THEY WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, AND IN CONDUCTING FORBIDDEN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

4. QUESTION 4: IS IT POSSIBLE TO FORESEE HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE BEFORE THE A-CATEGORY PRISONERS WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE JAKSA AGUNG (ATTORNEY GENERAL) FOR PROSECUTION?

ANSWER: IT IS ALREADY THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDOESIA TO HAND OVER CATEGORY A POLITICAL DETAINEES (TAHPOL) TO THE COURTS FOR TRIAL AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. FOR THOSE NOT YET TRIED, IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

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5. QUESTION 5: IS IT POSSIBLE TO FORESEE WHEN THE X-CATEGORY PRISONERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED OVER THE OTHER CATEGORIES?

ANSWER: AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, PENDING THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION.

6. QUESTION 6: HOW MANY MILITARY CATEGORY A PRISONERS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED UNTIL NOW?

ANSWER: NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RESOLVED BY THE COURTS. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CHECK THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 1 ABOVE.

JAKARTA 17, SEPTEMBER, 1974

CHIEF, INFORMATION AND PUBLIC
RELATIONS SERVICE, KOPKAMTIB

END QUOTE

7. COMMENT: KOPKAMTIB'S FIGURE OF 2,000 CLASS A PRISONERS IS 500 LESS THAN APPROXIMATELY 2,500 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY EMBASSY BASED ON OFFICIAL SOURCES (REF D, PARA 1(C)III). STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 2 THAT 800 6"S " THE 2,000 CLASS A PRISONERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BY COURTS ADDS SOME CLARIFICATION TO EARLIER REFERENCE TO 800 FIGURE. IT APPARENTLY MEANS THAT THESE 800 WERE CONVICTED (REF D, PARA 1(C)II). RESPONSE TO PORTION OF QUESTION 1 AND QUESTION 6 REQUESTING NUMBER OF CLASS A MILITARY PRISONERS IS CLERARLY NON-ANSWER.

8. KOPKAMTIB FIGURE OF APPROXIMATELY 27,000 CLASS B PRISONERS AND 6,000 CLASS X PRISONERS CORRESPONDS WITH OFFICIAL FIGURE RECENTLY CITED IN PRESS AND REPORTED EMBASSY'S REF D, PARA 1(C).

9. RESPONSE TO QUESTION 2 STATING THAT "ALL" CLASS C DETAINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED REPREENNTS OFFICIAL REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT "SOME" CLASS C PRISONERS WERE STILL BEING HELD, BUT WOULD BE RELEASED BY END OF 1975 (REF A, PARA 2). BUT AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO QUESTION 3 ASKING IF ANY EX-CLASS C PRISONERS HAVE BEEN REARRESTED
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SEEMS TO CONFLICT WITH STATEMENT THAT ALL CLASS C'S RELEASED, UNLESS IMPLICATION IS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RECLAS-SIFIED AS A OR B. KOPKAMTIB'S FIGURE OF 540,000 CLASS C PRISONERS ORIGINALLY ARRESTED CONFLICTS WITH EMBASSY ESTI-MATE OF 150,000-250,000 (REF D, PARA 1(B)) BASED ON EARLIER OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.

10. SINCE THESE KOPKAMTIB FIGURES DATED SEPTEMBER 17 REPRESENT MOST AUTHORITATIVE RECENT OFFICIAL FIGURES AVAILABLE FOR PRISONERS IN ALL CATEGORIES, EMBASSY PLANS TO REFER TO THEM IN RESPONSE TO USQUIRIES AND SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT DO LIKEWISE.

11. TERM "INREHAB" (REHABILITATIO INSTALLATION) USED IN

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1 HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY GOI TO DESCRIBE
DETENTION CENTERS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS EFFORT TO STRESS
INTENTION TO REHABILITATE CLASS B PRISONERS. FOR EXAMPLE,
BURU ISLAND CENTER, FORMERLY KNOWN AS TEFAAT BURU (PLACE
OF SERVICE OR BENEFIT) IS NOW CALLED "INREHAB BURU."
WHETHER THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF INDONESIAN PENCHANT FOR
REGARDING THE WORD AS THE DEED REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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